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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Bacalieu Bank, 175,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Gladiator, Bacalieu Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. flitched halibut, 500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, Bacalieu Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. flitched halibut, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Harvard, Quero Bank, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Claudia, Brown's Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Yakima, Le Have Bank, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Senator, Le Have Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Rebecca, Rips, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Gertrude, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining, 55 bbls. salt bluebacks.

Sch. Ingomar, seining.

Sch. Emerald, seining.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., seining.

Sch. Metamora, seining.

Sch. Illinois, seining.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.10

Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for large, \$1.60 for mediums.

Bank halibut 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh mackerel, 36 cts. each for large and 22 1-2 cents for mediums.

Salt mackerel, \$9.75 to \$21 per bbl., according to quality.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.30; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

**Boston.**

Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 35,000 hake, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Good Luck, 2500 haddock, 50,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Athena, 11,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Nellie Franklin, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 15,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 17,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Haymah, 23,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Aspinet, 22,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Klondike, 2500 cod.

Sch. Vesta, 17,000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 1000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Fannie Reed, 25 swordfish.

Sloop Two Sisters, 300 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sloop Eva Arina, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 2000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Watauga, 24 swordfish.

Haddock, \$2 per cwt., large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.60; market cod, \$1.75 hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cusk, \$2.50; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

**FOUND NO AGENCY.****Sch. Agnes Put Into Shelburne To Land Sick Man.****To Save Delay, Captain Obligated To Send Him Home Himself.**

A few days ago, the Times referred to the closing of the United States consular agency at Shelburne, N. S., and remarked at the time that Shelburne was much used by Gloucester and Boston fishing vessels. and that no doubt representations would be made with a view to having the agency there re-established, at the same time pointing out that the Barrington office, which is now the place where the business formerly done at the Shelburne agency, must now be done, is out of the way, as compared to Shelburne.

Already, thus quickly, the Times is able to present a case which strongly sustains its assertions and which will add weight to any representations that a consular agency should again be established at Shelburne.

The case in point is as follows: On Friday last, sch. Agnes of this port, one of the Georges halibut fleet, commanded by Capt. Ernest Engstrom, put in at Shelburne, with one of her crew ill. Capt. Engstrom came ashore to go to the consular agency to have the necessary papers made out and have the man cared for and sent home, as is the usual procedure. He was naturally surprised to learn that the agency had been discontinued since July 20.

He went to one of the well known and prominent business men of the town and asked his advice in the matter. At the request of the captain the gentleman called up the United States consul at Yarmouth on the telephone, and learned that Capt. Engstrom would have to accompany his sick man to the consular agency at Barrington and have him regularly discharged there. Then the man could proceed to Yarmouth and be examined by the medical officer, and if he was in serious condition he would be taken in charge by the the consul to be cared for and sent home, if not the captain would have to provide sufficient money to pay all his expenses and fare to Gloucester.

To carry out this programme of going to Barrington and Yarmouth would take two days at least, and if the man was seriously ill he might die before he got to the medical officer at Yarmouth. Capt. Engstrom preferred to take no chances, so drew on the owner of the vessel and sent the man home himself.

Incidents of this nature are constantly recurring and are particularly liable in the winter months when many of the haddock fleet fish off there and are constantly running into Shelburne.

In this case the only alternative was for Capt. Engstrom to send the man home from there and pay his expenses. The condition of the man is not known, but to go first to Barrington to the consular agency and then to Yarmouth with his man, meant the best part of two days. This amount of time to a sick man might mean considerable and serious results might develop. In the present case, Capt. Engstrom did not hesitate, but immediately provided for the man's care and transportation home.

Had the agency been at Shelburne, as it has been in the past, the man could have immediately been put in the care of the consular agent and looked after right away, or sent home as the case demanded.

**SAW THREE FLITCHERS.****Some Had Been Doing Quite Well, Especially on Codfish.**

Capt. Fred McKay, of sch. Gladiator, which arrived from the southern part of Bacalieu bank this morning, reports seeing three of the flitched halibut fleet there, schs. S. P. Willard, Henry M. Stanley and Massachusetts. The latter had been to the northward some time before and had damaged her bow considerably. She had 30,000 pounds of flitches and 70,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. S. P. Willard had been doing finely, having 600,000 pounds of halibut flitches and 100,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Henry M. Stanley had about 40,000 pounds of flitches, but Capt. McKay did not know as to her catch of cod. The weather had not been bad.

**GLOUCESTER CASH****Only Real Money Newfoundland Fishers See.****Dr. Grenfell Says Credit System Is a Curse.**

The Boston Transcript of Saturday evening contained a letter from Dr. Wilfred Grenfell the famous spiritual and physical minister to the poor folk of Labrador and the fishermen in adjacent waters and whose work and works have made him a famous and noteworthy figure in the ranks of those who go about doing good.

The doctor writes most interestingly of his voyage this present summer, (the letter is dated July 15), touching upon many points in his work and the things he saw.

In speaking of southern Labrador, where hundreds of Newfoundland fishermen go every summer to prosecute the codfishery, Dr. Grenfell says "the curse of South Labrador is the method of trade. The settlers don't get cash for their produce."

Speaking of what the fishermen do, the doctor says:

"As soon as that fishery is over, he leaves for the head of the bay, walks to the line eighteen miles south through the country, and takes the train to Bay of Islands, where they earn about \$100 a man by Christmas by shipping to American vessels which are catching herring.

"By this he beautifully exemplified the real secret of the impossibility of getting ahead on that section of coast. For when I asked him why he went through all that, walking back in January over the snow, when he earned enough to live at home, he said: 'Oh, that's where I gets my money. They pays all cash.'

"But," I said, "if you don't owe your trader any money, and he owes you a balance, won't he pay cash?" "Not a cent, zur," he replied. I had this same answer from over twenty families yesterday and today. "What happens to the balance, then?" "They hold it over till next year, zur." "Have you any accounts to show, then, how much you owe or is owed you?" "No zur. Not one did I see." And even men dealing with the same merchant for years have never had a single account given them from the very start."

In speaking of the fishery outlook this season Dr. Grenfell says:

"All along the Straits and Gulf shore the fishery has been better than usual, and fleets of schooners lie near every point of vantage. On some grounds, trawls and boats were so thick that a cod was to be congratulated on his piloting if ever he reached the shore, and only the immense shoals pressing one another along could account for the fact that the big traps set from the shore were doing well."

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**GOT GOOD FISHING.****Sch. Arethusa Caught 180,000 Pounds Cod on Two Baitings.**

Word has been received from an authentic source that the new knockabout sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, now on her second salt bank trip, had taken 180,000 pounds of codfish on her first two baitings.

**Fishing Facts and Fancies.**

The Mexican fishing fleet at Vera Cruz consists of about twenty 30-foot open sail boats and each carries a crew of from six to ten men who as a rule work on shares. The fishing grounds are some twenty-five or more miles from Vera Cruz and fish are always abundant.

While the Southern Labrador fishery looks like a small catch, the Straits fishery will be a large one. The big catch, however, is confined to the Labrador side of the Straits, for very little has been done on the Newfoundland side.

The Victoria Colonist says that arrangements are going forward for the formation next summer of a codfishing company, the organizers proposing to use several schooners in deep sea fishing in Behring Sea.

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# CONSULAR AGENCY SHOULD BE REOPENED.

The United States consular agency at Shelburne, N. S., should be re-opened. At the time notice was given of its closing, the Times told of its value to the fishermen and vessel owners and hinted that representations might be made to the government looking to the possibility of having the agency re-established there.

Now, although it has been closed but a month, and even before the busy fall and winter fishery has started in off there, the use and need of the agency is illustrated by the arrival of sch. Agnes of this port, to land and send home a sick member of her crew, as told in detail in our news columns today.

A reading of the story will convince one that the agency is needed at Shelburne, where most of our fleet run in. Very few ever go to Barrington. The vessel owners no doubt are alive to the situation, and will probably take some action, but aside from this, for the needs of the fishermen themselves, for those who become sick or are injured, or astray and picked up, it seems that it were better to have the consular agency at Shelburne, as it has been in the past.

We understand that already steps are being taken with the object of bringing the attention of the state department to the case, with the hope that later something may be done definitely toward attempting at least to have the consular agency at Shelburne, N. S., re-opened.

We hope that it will be successful.

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## EIGHT FIRMS BURNED OUT

### Stubborn and Serious Fire at Fulton Fish Market.

#### All the Hard Hit Concerns Are Well Known Here.

A fire of unknown origin, which kept the fireboats New Yorker and Abram S. Hewitt and the regular apparatus busy for two hours early yesterday wiped out the stalls of eight firms on the third floor of the new Fulton Fish Market at Beekman street and the East River, and damaged the upper part of the building considerably.

By the time the apparatus arrived the blaze was spreading so rapidly that it was thought it would consume the building. As it was, \$30,000 damage was done.

The firms whose stalls were burned are H. S. Stillman & Co., Chesboro Brothers, George T. Moon, H. C. Gates, Kingsland & Comstock, Barnett & Keeney, S. B. Miller & Co., and Eldred & Haley.

The building is so arranged that the fish are kept in tanks beneath the floors, and whatever stock there was under the burned stalls perished. All the firms above mentioned are well known here and their many personal and business friends in Gloucester will sympathize with them in their trouble.

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### Claimed to be Largest Lobster Ever Caught.

A lobster, said to be the largest ever caught, was recently on show at Riverhead, L. I. It weighed 24 pounds, and according to Supervisor Frank Tuttle, of Suffolk county, was over 200 years old and caught with a hook and line. The crustacean had a back a trifle over twenty inches long from his nose to his tail. The jaw part of his largest claws was about nine inches long and had a spread nearly large enough to take in a man's leg.

## MONSTER SWORDFISH.

### Crew of Sloop Maxwell Wrestled 22 Hours with Him Before Capture.

A 22 hours fight with a 705 pound swordfish and at last capturing him is the story they are telling today in connection with the arrival of the sloop Maxwell at Rockport yesterday.

It appears that the sloop went out Saturday and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon struck a big fish, and a man went out in the dory to get him. He put up the biggest kind of a fight, and the man in the dory was not able to do anything with him. After a while, the dory was made fast to the sloop, and the fight continued, and it was 1 o'clock the next afternoon before the monster gave up the fight and was swayed on board the sloop.

The fish weighed 705 pounds, and is said to be the largest one captured this season. He certainly put up the stiffest kind of a fight.

## NO FRICTION.

### Warship Brilliant Will Not be at Bay of Islands This Season.

A despatch from St. John's, N.F., says that the British warship Brilliant, which has arrived from a cruise around the island of Newfoundland, reports the entire absence of any friction in connection with the carrying out of the fisheries agreement. Owing to the recent arrangements made under the modus vivendi, the Brilliant will not need to remain at Bay of Islands during the winter and she will sail for the Caribbean sea in September.

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## Appreciate a Good Thing.

The crowds of eager buyers which thronged the shoe store of Ford & Wass, Post Office square, yesterday showed plainly that the buying public appreciate a genuine mark down sale of standard, staple goods. They realize that this chance to save 25 per cent. comes but once a year and are taking advantage of it. The sale will continue all the week and promises to be a record breaker in its line.

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## Squid on Georges.

The captain of the "drift" fisherman Rebecca, which arrived Saturday afternoon from Georges with a fine trip of salt cod, reports squid on the bank. The squid would not jig, they only getting one that way, but there were a lot of squid in the fish which they caught and these they used to catch more with great success.

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## Word from Provincetown Dory Handliners.

A letter received at Provincetown recently from one of the Provincetown dory handline fleet reports that vessels fished as follows up to August 4: Sch. Monitor, 1200 quintals, Gladstone, 700 quintals, American, 1200 quintals. The vessels sailed from Provincetown June 1 and 2 for the banks.

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## Beam Trawlers Want To Try This Coast.

It is said that several owners of steam-trawlers in the old country are writing to Nova Scotia fish firms, offering to bring their boats here and operate them, if only a quick sale of their catches can be guaranteed.

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## HAD HARD WEATHER.

### Pacific Halibut Steamer Nearly Lost Two of Crew.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says that the New England Fish Co.'s steamer Manhattan has returned with a little over 100,000 pounds of halibut after a trip of seven days. Heavy weather was encountered during the voyage, and the steamer had to suspend fishing operations for one day.

A big sea getting up while the men were out in the dories, they were recalled, and one of the dories was sunk, her crew of two being fished out. The boat was brought under the vessel's stern, but got under the counter just as it was coming down. The dory was smashed to atoms, and the men thrown into the water, but they grasped a rope and were hoisted aboard.

## DOING WELL.

### Sch. Blanche at North Sydney Friday with 130,000 Pounds Salt Cod.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. William Morrissey, of this port, one of the salt bank codfishing fleet, was at North Sydney, C. B., on Friday and sailed again Saturday, after taking ice and supplies. The schooner, which is on her second trip, must have found good fishing as she had 130,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

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Sch. Thalia, Ribs, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Good Luck, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.  
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Salt Ribs, cod, large, \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.  
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### Boston.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 4200 fresh mackerel, mostly large.  
Sch. Louis C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. James W. Parker, 55,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Conqueror, 40,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 1500 halibut.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Georgianna, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3500 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 8500 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 24,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 1000 halibut.  
Sch. Vanessa, 50,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 14,000 hake.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market and \$1.75; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each.